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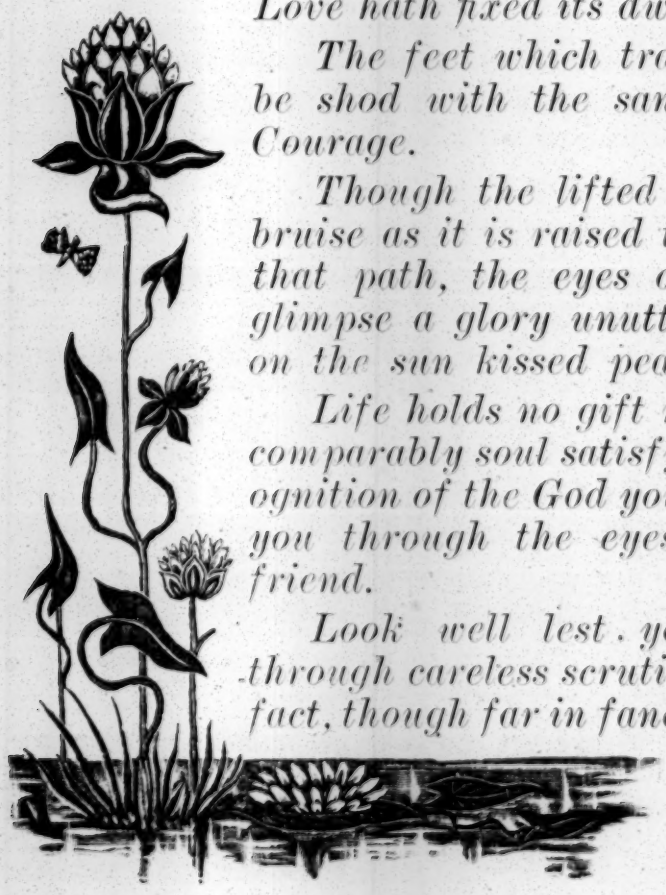
Behold, I give **unto thee a key.**

THE GIFT OF GOD.

The hand outstretched in service pure to one in need, whether it be to friend or foe is ever the strong right hand of God.

The heart which responds in gratitude to that outstretched hand opens the path to the heights whereon Love hath fixed its dwelling.



The feet which travel that path must be shod with the sandals of Faith and Courage.

Though the lifted foot show cut and bruise as it is raised to win each step of that path, the eyes of the climber will glimpse a glory unutterable as they rest on the sun kissed peaks in the distance.

Life holds no gift more rare, more incomparably soul satisfying than is the recognition of the God you love as it comes to you through the eyes of a new found friend.

Look well lest you miss that gift through careless scrutiny of one nearby in fact, though far in fancy.

FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

The Cry of Jerusalem.

Come back to me, my children, come! My Lord, Jehova, Sire to you,—He who did cast you out to wander ages amidst a people of an alien race, now calls to you. God and Father both is He to you who bear His image as you bear my own. I, your Mother, brought you into form and fed you from my breast—my treasure house—with corn and wine and oil, and gave you all the cattle of a thousand hills; but He did give you life itself and knowledge of the Law, the while He only asked of you obedience to His will, and that you build a Temple that your sons forevermore might kneel in worship of His mighty power,—might bow their heads in peace before the shrine which held the Ark, the holy of the holiest of all created things.

But overmuch He gave to you, and I, His spouse, gave too of all the store bestowed by Him on me. Together, He and I gave power and means to build the sacred place, Jerusalem, the Golden City of our dreams. Whil'st you, forgetful of His love and law, did sin as ever hath the outcast sinned who flouted God, and worshipped at the shrine of Baal. Like as was Ishmael driven forth, Jehova drove you from the haunts of men,—yet gave His sacred word that after ages long had passed you might return. The hour has struck, and I your Mother, sore bereft, now cry to you to come from every nation, clime and place wherein your feet now stray, to come and build anew the Holy Place where you were sired and mothered, grew to man's estate, then strove to snatch the reins of power from out your Father's hands, to give them unto Baal.

Sore and long indeed has been your punishment; but now are you forgiven and bidden hence to take your place once more among the nations of the earth. Once again the Ark, the holy covenant 'twixt God and man, shall rest upon the Altar high, your Father's name be honored as of yore; while I will draw the sun from heaven to smile upon my face and fill my breast most 'plenteously with food.

Come back to me, my children, come! Jerusalem, the sacred hills, the mountain streams all cry—come back!

"HIS LINE HATH GONE OUT."

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Only by means of the "line of God," the straight, true line, can

be constructed the outline of a perfect form and make that form permanent.

Every physical form or material object was originally built on the perfect pattern form existing on etheric planes. To whatever degree man has cultivated the attributes of God within himself, to that degree can he reconstruct any corresponding line that has been broken down or distorted in the outline of a physical body or an organ of a physical body, and unless such lines can be reconstructed on the perfect lines of the pattern form, it matters not what appearances or sensation may promise, a diseased organ or body cannot be perfectly and permanently made whole. The fact that mathematical and geometrical laws could be applicable in any sense to the healing of a diseased organ would not occur to the average man, yet an Initiate of the White Lodge would apply those laws, to whatever degree was necessary, in the healing of a diseased organ, providing karmic law permitted him to undertake such healing at all.

The perfect pattern, the first reflection of a form, is indestructible. It is this form of which we find a record in Genesis. God made man in His own image. It is the outline of the body of the soul. But the second reflection of that form existing on one of the lower mental planes is subject to change, and as the physical body is a more dense reflection of the mental pattern, the lines, curves and angles of the physical form must follow the lines, curves and angles of the mental pattern.

As only a Master could intelligently visualize the outlines of the perfect pattern and also perceive similar outlines of the mental pattern, only such an one could be absolutely sure of the position and condition of the broken down or distorted portion of an outline, and so feel assured he was not working further injury to the organ in attempting the reconstruction of that portion of the outline.

Even as the White Magician would have the power to reconstruct such lines, so the Black Magician would have not only the power to build, but would more often use that power to temporarily break down or distort those lines, thus making conditions which would make possible the development of disease germs within the physical organ which corresponded to and which was in fact the basic material form of that organ. But as all evil is impermanent and illusionary, he would not have power to render such conditions permanent. There must inevitably come a time in one incarnation or another when the true pattern would reflect a perfect pattern again

on the mental plane. The effects of the evil would have been counteracted.

The power to change or distort what were once perfect lines exists to a less degree in every human ego, but without deliberate intent and power of will such changes are very fluctuating, and especially in so far as their effect on others is concerned; but they may last indefinitely or during the life-cycle of the personality, if destructive thought forces are turned in such a direction to any great degree.

You have all doubtless met many persons who had what is commonly termed "a true eye," that is, persons who had the power of perfectly visioning or marking a straight line, or of estimating the degree of curve or angle of any visible form at a casual glance. Without knowing it such persons may have something more than "a true eye." Metaphysically speaking, they possess the "measuring rod of God." That rod is one aspect of the attribute of truth. God cannot be false in any respect, and the nearer man approaches Godliness, that is, develops the attributes of God, the truer he will be in all respects. However, a man may be true to some one ideal or principle and false to another. He may have developed perfect vision, physical and mental and even spiritual vision, and therefore be able to perceive the true intuitively, whether it be a perfectly proportioned geometrical figure or a true concept of a mental problem, and still be utterly false in all the common relations of life. Therefore he would have developed only one aspect of the attribute of truth.

Every aspect of the attribute of truth is developed in the Godman, the Master of high degree. Therefore, the "measuring rod of God" is his to use at will. He knows that every line, curve or angle of the various organs and divisions of the human body is built by exact measurements, and he knows the units of such measurements. If a certain part of the outline of an organ is displaced or distorted, he would know exactly the number of units of bone or tissue substance he must change to bring that part of the outline back to its original state of perfection. And it is right here that a miracle may occur, so far as a miracle is possible, for no possible exterior means could change that outline back exactly to its original form. The Initiate must unite the constituent elements of those units, must actually create the substance he uses to reform or replace the broken outline and must do this on the plane of the second reflection and therefore by means of Kryashakti and mental power.

If an extraneous object enters an organ of a physical body through all the layers of cuticle and embeds itself in the flesh, the outline is indented or changed, however minute the wound thus made may be. Nothing in the line of surgery or other extraneous means can render that outline exactly perfect again. Wherever the cuticle is scarified the outline is broken or distorted, and a similar outline in the mental or astral body bears the same semblance. If the latter can be changed back to the original perfect outline the corresponding physical outline will regain its former appearance. Consequently, it is on that mental or astral counterpart that the said Master must perform his operation if a diseased organ is to be perfectly healed without leaving any exterior sign of the process. The ability to perform such a seeming miracle is due first to his development of the power of Will, secondarily to his knowledge of the constituents of the substance we are agreed to call mind stuff, and thirdly to his knowledge of higher mathematics and geometry, and this gives one a clue to the Master's insistence on the importance of these sciences.

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THEOGENESIS.

Sixth Stanza, Fourth Sloka.

"Then awoke compassion in the heart of the Mighty One, He who rides the white horse in majesty and power, and He answered them saying, 'I will send forth my Son. He shall be clothed with fire and be as a torch to light the fires in your hearts. From the fires so lit will the true light shine upon you.' "

COMMENTARY.

The substance of the foregoing words was evidently given to the "remnant which remained" after the last great world calamity had taken place and was given as a promise to the human Egos who were to reincarnate in the next sub-race, the race which is even now preparing to overlap the next sub-race,—the first of the six minor races of the sixth race. We are told that some of the progenitors of this sixth sub-race of the fifth root race are now in existence on the earth. Consequently, we may take the words of this promise as though given to us, for we—the people of this generation—are those reincarnated souls and bodies.

Primarily and symbolically the Mighty One, the Son, and the

White Horse correspond to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, or consciousness, substance, and force, according to the individual interpretation of the first trinity. Secondarily and as applied to the manifested universe, and especially to our solar system, the same words apply to the ruling spirit of our sun, the objective sun, and the electric-magnetic energy, or vehicle of the pranic or life force,—"the White Horse." It is by means of the sun's rays that this vital electric force is collected and distributed to all the living substance belonging to our solar system.

It must be remembered that there is no definite closing of a sub-race. One sub-race overlaps another. It is only at the end of a great root race that humanity disappears entirely from the earth. During the periods of overlapping vast numbers of the members of different races disappear from the earth by means of wars, convulsions of nature, tidal waves, or diseases. Only remnants of different races are left. These are intermediate or transition periods, of which the present period is an example.

The great ages, Manvantaras, rounds, and cycles and the root races, sub-races, tribal and family races of a great Manvantara become inextricably mixed in the minds of those students who are not versed in the Secret Doctrine, for the reason that they have been so carelessly used by earlier students of Occultism. The overlapping of races is also confusing if the student does not bear in mind that it is the remainder of the last tribal and family races who remain in incarnation during the intermediate periods between definite cycles of Time and who are the progenitors of a new race.

According to the teachings of the Masters, many men now going out of life on battle-fields will be back in incarnation in the next minor cycle. It is said that those souls who go out of life very quickly and with an intense thirst for life and with strong desires and passions still ungratified, as is usually the case with men who die in battle, will seek new embodiments as soon as the astral body is fully released from its enveloping flesh, and that it is very seldom that the Devachanic life appeals to the soul under these circumstances.

The sixth and seventh Stanzas are prophetical rather than historical, and the words of the sloka quoted at the commencement of this commentary appear to have been spoken to the people who had survived the last great world catastrophe, and to refer in part to the present cycle.

We are told that a new evolutionary impulse was sent out from

the sun at the commencement of the present cycle, and the history of the nineteenth century, and particularly the last half of that century, leaves little room for doubt of that statement. Figuratively speaking, "the awakening of Compassion in the heart of the Mighty One" would indicate the generation of such an evolutionary impulse. The word *compassion* as it is generally used by advanced occultists, has nothing in common with the word *pity* with which it is often confounded.

One naturally thinks of the large sun spots,—the masses which appear on the surface of the sun at different periods when considering the action of spacial electricity. Many astronomers believe these spots influence the lives of people and earthly condition to an appreciable degree. It may well be that they are the first effects of the freeing of such electro-magnetic forces as have been previously mentioned, and even that the latest discovered great sun spot, many millions of miles in extent, may be an evidence of the awakening of the force or fire of Compassion, in fact, the aforementioned new creative or evolutionary impulse sent forth by "the White Horse."

According to the philosophy of occultism, a symbol of any object is simply the effect of a higher or lower rate of vibration of the substance which constitutes the object. A symbol may be the effect of a mental or thought form interiorly, but if such is the case it must already have taken visible, objective form, or be in process of so doing, as all thought forms are said to do. It is taught that in an evolutionary age finer forms of substance, such as thought forms on interior planes, may be brought into corresponding forms of grosser substance on the exterior plane of life by means of vibratory action. Conversely, that grosser substance may be disintegrated and reintegrated into finer forms by means of vibratory action during an involuntary cycle. B. S.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR.

Shall we have a New World—a New Dispensation based on True Liberty, Equality and Fraternity or will the clock of time in human affairs be set back thousands of years?

That is the momentous question that will be answered as a result of the present titanic world struggle between two diametrically opposite set of ideals—the ideals of Democracy and the ideals of Autocracy.

As far back as we may search history, we find no record of a time when Democracy universally obtained, but those records show that despotism and autocracy ruled as far back as the misty past allows us to look.

The ideal of true Democracy however has gained a strong foothold until the majority of nations accept the Democratic ideal of government of, for and by the people as the only one in accord with the cycle of evolution which humanity has entered.

In other words, Evolutionary Law has decreed that the undemocratic rule of kings, emperors, or the ruling of one man or a small group of men over the affairs of any nation, has passed and that the dawn of the Day of the Rule of the People by themselves has arrived.

And this is the real issue now of the present terrible world war—and unless the world as President Wilson says can be "made safe for Democracy" the pendulum of reaction will swing the world as far back as the days of ancient Rome when organized might was the only recognized Right in the affairs of men and nations.

It is truly said that "*Vox populi est vox Dei*"—the Voice of the people is the voice of God and if the voice of the people is stifled by unrighteous might, then the natural Divine forces of evolution working for humanity is barred for the time being and weary centuries will elapse before the evil be undone.

The limitations in present day democracies is due to the limitations of the people themselves and if there be abuses and corruption the people have it in their power to correct such evils, but they have no redress in an autocratic government over the arbitary ruling of one man or a clique of men.

Humanity must be allowed to pass through the phase of evolution wherein it rules itself. It can never stand on its mental and soul feet otherwise. Never win its Mastery over limitations and know by experience what it wants and why it wants it in government. From all of this experience and knowledge come wisdom, light and a more universal consciousness of Unity with all life and peoples.

Might is not right, and we believe that the forces of Light and Love, Freedom and Equality, will triumph in this karmic struggle and that the whole world of humanity will be brought nearer to the Masters of Wisdom who guide the evolution of worlds and races.

W. H. D.

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A PLAY—THE SPIRIT OF MUSIC.

Part 3.

S. C.—From me the Word goes forth.
S. I.—Through me it is understood and returns again to God.
S. C.—In the beginning was the Word.
S. I.—And the Word was with God.
S. C.—In Music, in God, in the Word, is Life,
S. I.—And the life is the light of men,

S. C.—And the light shineth in darkness, in the stagnation of the minds of men.

S. I.—And the mind comprehendeth it not.

S. C.—Music is in the world and the world is being made by Music.

S. I.—And the world knows Music not.

S. C.—Music is coming into its own.

S. I.—And its own is receiving it not.

S. C.—But as many as receive its evidence within themselves shall become the Sons of God.

S. I.—And Music shall be made Flesh and dwell among us, and we shall behold its glory, the glory of the soul, the glory of the soul begotten, full of grace and truth.

S. C.—And so shall the Circle of Realization be brought into being

S. I.—And the Spirit of Music come to reign among us.

S. C.—You who would hasten the Coming—will you join with us in definite, unified effort?

S. I.—Will you endeavor to realize the Presence of Music, as a Living Power in your lives?

All—We will, we will, we *will!*

(Enter Dynamics—whirling sympol: Phrasing—skipping: Timbre—playing: Technique—marching.)

S. I.—Ah! here come the Tone children, the children through whom we can work.

Phrasing, Timbre, Technique, Dynamics—welcome to our midst! We shall depend upon you to carry the Musical Word throughout the world, that the Spirit of Music may reign again. Dynamics play the Song F. F. to waken those that sleep: then P. P. to bid them listen well: a Staccato passage play to urge them into action: and lastly a Legato to unite them in a Chain of Love that will not break and bring them home to us.

(Dynamics plays; while playing all draw close in circle. Soft music from behind. Consecration Hymn.)

S. C.—Hark! The Spirit of Music draws near. *(All listen.)*

S. C.—Have all agreed to unite? Are all ready to receive it? *(As answer all join hands.)* Will none lay claim to it alone, but share its power with all? *(All bow in obeisance.)* *(Drawing closer somewhat and lifting hands all say)*:

All—We will!

S. C.—Then stand in reverence true and silence deep. Await the Coming of the Presence while I call it into our midst. (*Plays Call*). (*While waiting all take attitude of reverence at their own instrument*).

Music breaks forth. Consecration Hymn sung by all and played by children's orchestra, led by S. C. Followed by Children's Symphony.

(*Concluded*)

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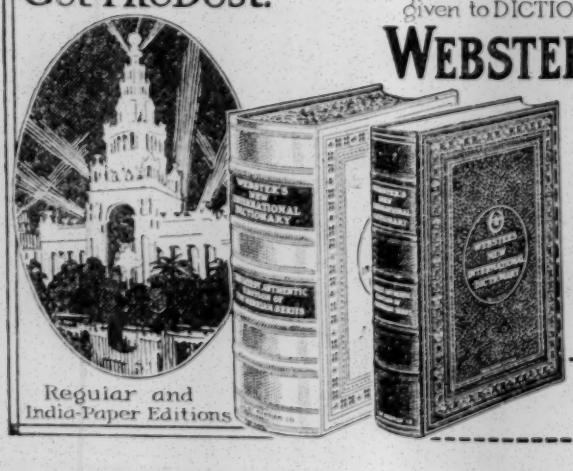

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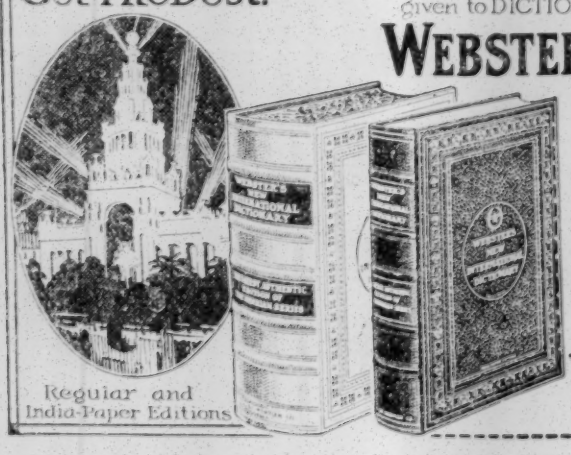

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